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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 6729

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, AR  
SUBJECT: EDUCATION MINISTER RESIGNS

1. EDUCATION MINISTER JUAN JOSE CATALAN PRESENTED HIS RESIGNATION AUGUST 28 REPORTEDLY AFTER HAVING BEEN ASKED TO DO SO BY PRESIDENT VIDELA. CATALAN'S RESIGNATION CAME AS A RESULT OF A ROW WITH BUENOS AIRES UNIVERSITY RECTOR LUIS CABRAL AFTER CABRAL REJECTED A UNIVERSITY RATIONALIZATION PLAN PROPOSED BY THE EDUCATION MINISTER.

2. CATALAN'S PERFORMANCE AS EDUCATION MINISTER HAS BEEN UNDER FIRE FOR SOME TIME AND THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS RESIGNATION HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF CONJECTURE IN POLITICAL CIRCLES FREQUENTLY IN THE PAST.

3. PRESIDENT VIDELA REPORTEDLY IS INTERESTED IN MAKING OTHER ADJUSTMENTS IN THE CABINET WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE APPOINTMENT OF A GREATER NUMBER OF CIVILIAN MINISTERS, BUT HE PROBABLY IS NOT PREPARED TO MAKE THESE GENERAL CHANGES AT THIS TIME.

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